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Engineering Field Activity, Northeast
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Attn: Code EV21/JLC
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant/Northrop
Grumman Facility
Draft ROD Operable Unit 2 NWIRP - D&B 1883

Gentlemen:

The Massapequa Water District is deeply concerned with the ROD for Operable Unit No. 2 at the Grumman Site in Bethpage, as proposed by the above captioned group.

First of all, the ROD was delivered to our offices on May 15, 2002, the initial day for our comments. With this in mind, we have hastily prepared some comments as outlined below. However, we require more time with in which to study this report and comment in the best interest of our District. Therefore, for the record, the Massapequa Water District respectfully requests an extension to the comment period of at least ninety days.

Based on a preliminary review of the ROD by our consultant, Dvirka & Bartilucci (letter attached), the Massapequa Water District continues to be concerned with your groundwater modeling effort and prediction of future impacts to this District. The ROD doesn't satisfy our concern. We also continue to be concerned with the "created" breakaway plume and the lack of treatment for such in the ROD. Finally,

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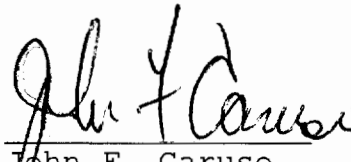
although the Massapequa Water District remains opposed to wellhead treatment as an alternative to cleanup, we are concerned with potential costs to our District based on this contamination. Over the past 25 years changes in detection levels for contaminants have increased cleanup costs dramatically. Going forward, this District believes detection limits will continue to be increased, with a similar increase in cleanup cost to our District. This has not been satisfactorily addressed in the ROD.

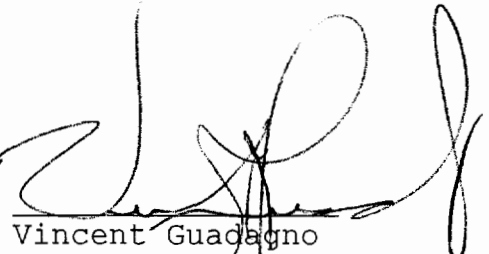
Therefore, the Massapequa Water District respectfully requests sufficient time to review and comment on this draft ROD. An additional ninety days is not a long time when the decision may impact the Massapequa Water District for the next 50 years.

If there any questions with regard to this letter, or if additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Frank J. Flood, Jr.
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